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SUBJECT: Interrogation of SD Officers.

TO : Commanding Officer, "S" Force, Verona.

1. Pursuant to your request Colonel Walter RAUFF, SD Chief for Northwest Italy, his adjutant, Captain Hans REINER of the SS, and Lt. Dr. Walter SEGNA of the SD, all three having reached this headquarters from Milan in the evening of 30 April 1945 after surrendering to American officers there, were subjected to brief initial interrogation by Special Agents Alva H. Warren, Jr., and Gordon M. Meusing of this Detachment for information of immediate CI interest. Results of the interrogation are given in this report.

2. (Colonel) Walter RAUFF, son of Otto RAUFF and Anna RAUFMEISTER, was born on 19 June 1906 in Koethen, Anhalt, Germany. He declared that on the evening of 27 April 1945 he had made an arrangement with Capt. E.Q. Duodario, Hq. Co., 2777 Regiment, OSS, APO 512, in Milan in order to avoid further bloodshed in Milan. RAUFF claimed to have had talks with the Milan CLN with the same end in view. He further stated that his efforts in this direction could be confirmed by Prof. HUSSEMAN and Mr. DULLES, Allied agents in Switzerland. RAUFF stated categorically that he would never give any information dealing with the operations or personnel of SD or SS in this or any other region. *SD Chief for Northwest Italy - Brief initial interrogation*

3. Captain Hans REINER, son of Hans REINER and Zenta COCHWEND, was born on 2 February 1907 in Munich, and is the adjutant of Col. RAUFF. REINER told the same story of arrangements made between the CLN and the German Command in Milan. He stated that he had no connection with the SD, though he knew it had offices in Verona, Bolzano, Milan, Venice, Genoa, and Turin. Lt. Col. INGEL was Chief of the SD in Genoa; Capt. SOHNERT had a corresponding post in Turin. In Verona, Sturmbannfuhrer WILMAN was adjutant for General HANSTEN, Sturmbannfuhrer EUGEL was head of Abteilung VI; Dr. KRANNESITTE was head of Abteilungen IV and V. In Milan, let Lt. KRAUER was in charge of Abteilung VI. REINER claimed to know nothing of operational plans of the SD or its ulterior intentions in Italy.

4. (Lt. Dr.) Walter SEGNA is the son of Joseph SEGNA and Maria REINISCH, born in Lezzolombardo, Province of Trento, Italy, on 10 November 1908. He is an official dependent directly on General HANSTEN, who has been operating as a spy-master and political manipulator from Gernobbio, Province of Como. SEGNA indicated that he would be willing to collaborate fully with Allied intelligence. It is considered likely that SEGNA should prove of interest to higher headquarters. *Brief initial interrogation*

5. The three German officers either would not or could not offer information of immediate operational CI interest. They were lodged at the Albergo Accademia in Verona under CIC guard the night of 30 April-1 May 1945. On 1 May 1945,

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